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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CURRENT QUARANTINE MEASURES.

[From the Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes, Berlin, February 5, 1908.]

CHOLERA.

BELGIUM.—January 18. Measures for arrivals from the Asiatic coast of the Red Sea between Lith and Yambo, inclusive, put in force. Maritime arrivals subject at the quarantine stations of the Scheldt and the ports of Ostend, Nieuport, Zeebrugge, and Salzaete to measures prescribed in Title I, Chapter II, Section III, of the Paris Convention of 1903.

EGYPT.—January 11. The returning pilgrimage of this year declared cholera-infected.

NORWAY.—January 22. The Russian governments of Simbirsk, Tschernigow, Ekaterinaslaw, the Turgai Province, and the Don Territory declared free of cholera.

TURKEY.—January 21. Passengers on arrivals from the Russian ports of the Black Sea required only to undergo medical inspection and the prescribed measures of disinfection either at the lazaretto of Monastir-Aghzy (Kavak) or Sinope.

PLAGUE.

AUSTRIA.—January 15. Measures ordered November 18 by maritime authorities at Trieste against arrivals from Phillippeville suspended.

BELGIUM.—January 18. Measures against arrivals from Paraguay, Argentina, and Chile suspended.

BRITISH EAST INDIES.—January 3. Quarantine at Orissa against arrivals from Djeddah suspended.

TURKEY.—January 21. Precautionary measures against arrivals from Alexandria replaced by medical inspection at the first Turkish port provided with sanitary officers. January 22.—Measures repeated January 12 against pilgrims returning from the Hedjaz by maritime routes applicable only for precautions against plague. Disinfection on board for destruction of rats enjoined. Duration of quarantine to depend on the occurrence of plague or cholera cases.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague and smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, January 28:

Two weeks ended January 26. Vessels bound for the United States received bills of health from this consulate-general as follows: January 13, the British steamship *Rauma*, for New York,

with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew; and British steamship *Thespis*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, with 2 cabin, 3 steerage passengers, and 2 new members of the crew shipped here; January 14, the British steamship *Mendoza*, for New Orleans, with cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew; January 17, U. S. Navy collier *Cesar*, for Hampton Roads, Va., in ballast, with no passengers and no change in the crew, and the American tug *E. G. Reynolds*, with cargo of coal from the United States, to San Francisco, Cal., no passengers, and no change in the crew; January 18, British steamship *Velasquez*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, 9 cabin, 1 steerage passenger, and with 1 new member of the crew signed here; U. S. Navy collier *Abarenda*, for Hampton Roads, with ballast, no passengers, and with no change in the crew while here, and British steamship *Spartan Prince*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, 1 cabin passenger, and with no change in the crew personnel; January 20, U. S. Navy collier *Sterling*, for San Juan, P. R., in ballast, with no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew; German steamship *Christiania*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the crew personnel, and U. S. Navy colliers *Brutus* and *Nero*, with ballast, for Hampton Roads, with no passengers, and with no change in the crew personnel; January 23, Brazilian steamship *Acre*, for New York, with a general cargo, and with no change in the crew personnel, and with 31 cabin and 13 steerage passengers; January 24, Portuguese bark *Margarita*, for New Orleans, with no passengers and no change in the personnel of the crew, and in stone ballast; British steamship *Afghan Prince*, for New Orleans, in cargo of coffee, no change in the crew personnel and 1 steerage passenger, and Portuguese ship *Fenice*, for Gulfport, in stone ballast, with no passengers, and with no change in the personnel while in this port. All vessels lay in the open bay while here.

No other vessels left this port for United States ports during this period.

The American Navy colliers did not leave on the dates above stated when the bills of health were issued, but in all cases the bills were returned before sailing and the dates of sailing were changed to the proper dates.

Plague and smallpox—Mortality, city of Rio de Janeiro.—Week ended January 19. Total estimated population of the city, 628,675. Total deaths, 258. No cases nor deaths reported due to yellow fever. Bubonic plague caused no deaths, with 1 new reported case, and smallpox caused 13 deaths, with 39 new cases reported. At the close of the week there were in the hospital of São Sebastião no cases of yellow fever under treatment, 40 cases of smallpox and 5 cases of plague under treatment, and 29 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

Week ended January 26. Total deaths, 267. No cases nor deaths caused by yellow fever, 5 new reported cases of plague, with no deaths, and 24 new reported cases of smallpox, with 14 deaths from this cause. At the close of the week there were in the hospital of São Sebastião no cases of yellow fever, 50 cases of smallpox and 7 cases of plague under treatment, and 27 cases of suspicious illness under observation.